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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR KS KN

SUBJ: NORTH KOREANS HIT THE ROAD

1. NORTH KOREANS INCLUDING PRIMIN AND FONMIN SEEM TO BE MAKING THE ROUNDS AGAIN IN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS. LINE THEY ARE TAKING WITH COUNTRIES THEY VISIT MAY PROVIDE USEFUL INDICATOR OF NORTH KOREAN FRAME OF MIND AND DIRECTION THEY INTEND TO TAKE IN DIPLOMATIC ARENA. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ATTEMPT SOLICIT REPORTS FROM EMBASSIES IN COUNTRIES VISITED IN ORDER TO SURVEY SUBSTANCE OF NORTH KOREAN APPROACHES DURING TEHSE VISITS.

2. ROK MOFA REPORTS RECEIVED SO FAR INDICATE NORTH KOREANS ARE VISITING TOGO, SENEGAL, SUDAN, IRAQ, LESOTHO, NIGERIA, GUYANA AND CHAD. MOFA HAS RECEIVED NO REPORTS ON SUBSTANCE  
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OF NORTH KOREAN APPROACHES YET, BUT THEY APPEAR TO AHVE MET REFUBBS IN EFFORTS TO MEET WITH HIGHEST POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN SUDAN AND SENEGAL. IN LESOTHO, ROKG UNDERSTANDS THAT GOL INSISTED THAT AID PRECEDE DIPLOMATIC TIES, CONTRARY TO NORTH KOREAN DESIRE TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC TIES FIRST. MOFA BELIEVES PRESS REPORTS THAT LESOTHO WILL RECONGIZE NORTH KOREA ARE INACCURATE. MOFA HAS RECEIVED

UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT NORTH KOREAN MISSION NOW IN CHAD  
IS THERE TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY. (WOULD APPRECIATE ANY  
INFORMATION EMBASSY NDJAMENA CAN PROVIDE ON THIS SUBJECT.)

3. MOFA NORTH KOREA DIVISION CHIEF KIM CHAE YONG  
BELIEVES THAT VISITS TO IRAQ AND SUDAN MAY HAVE BEEN  
EFFORTS TO OFFSET EFFECTS OF WHAT MAY HAVE APPEARED TO  
NORTH KOREANS TO HAVE BEEN ROK INROADS IN THOSE COUNTRIES.  
(ROK AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN WAS IN IRAQ RECENTLY, BUT VISIT  
DID NOT PRODUCE MUCH, ACCORDING TO KIM).  
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